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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Catherine Vendat (France) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 29 April 2017. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Ms. Vendat, which expires on 31 December 2019.

2. The Government of France has nominated Olivier Myard to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Ms. Vendat.

3. In a communication dated 28 April 2017, the Secretary-General was informed by the Chair of the Group of Western European and other States that the candidature of Mr. Myard had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Olivier Myard (France)

Profile

- Senior oversight professional (Internal Audit, Investigations and Evaluations)
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- Extensive public and private sector experience
- Specialized in international organizations, including development banking
- Expertise in public finance, investigations, audit, evaluation asset management and human resources
- Skilled communicator and negotiator
- Bilingual English-French, with working knowledge of Spanish
- Ecole Nationale d'Administration — ENA (1999) and Sciences Po Paris (1985) Alumnus

01/2012-Present **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**
Chief, Evaluation, Internal Audit and Investigations Office (EAO)
Montreal, Canada

- Independently determined and directed the work plan of the Office (five to eight compliance and performance internal audits and two evaluations every year), in conformity with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and the UNEG Norms and Standard, and based on a risk assessment procedure and large exchange of views with all stakeholders;
- Recent Audits: Procurement, Consultants, Travel, Staff training, Voluntary Funds, Staff absence, Fixed Assets/Inventory control, ICAO Regional Offices (Paris, Mexico, Lima, Nairobi, Cairo, Bangkok, Beijing); Recent Evaluations: Results Based Management, Succession planning, United Nations Partnerships, Technical cooperation projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America;
- Carried out investigations in person (two to five reports every year);
- Coordinated EAO's activities with ICAO's External Auditors (Corte dei Conti), serves as a Secretary of the ICAO's Oversight Committee (EAAC), and as the focal point for the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU);
- Managed the Office (two auditors, one evaluator, and two support staff), as well as an annual budget of US $1.1 million (staff, travel, consultancy costs only); and develops an annual training plan to maintain staff with sufficient qualifications;
- Member of related professional networks of the international system (RIAS and UN-RIAS, UNEG, UN-RIS and CII).
- Main results: Tripled the number of audit reports issued, by increasing the staff force by 50% only; started the systematic audit of all Regional Offices;

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

introduced an audit rating in each audit report; set up a new evaluation unit and an investigative activity; introduced a web-based tracking system for the recommendations follow-up; together with quarterly meetings with all Directors to follow-up on the implementation of recommendations, contributing to a significant drop in the number of overdue recommendations (now in Directors' annual objectives, following my proposal); introduced and developed dashboards for the follow-up of all activities of the Office; introduced a new internal audit reports disclosure policy, started a Plan of Actions (2013-2017) aiming to position the Office at a higher level in the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) maturity matrix.

- Reason for leaving: End of fixed term mandate (after two extensions beyond the mandatory age of separation).

09/2010-12/2011 **French Supreme Audit Institution (Cour des comptes)**
Senior Auditor
Paris, France

- Served as a member of the Second Chamber of the Institution, specialized in International Trade and Tourism, Industry, Energy and Defense;
- Conducted evaluations and audits of public agencies, focusing on such aspects as strategy, finance, and human resources management;
- Presented the external audit reports of the French portfolio of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the 2008-2009 biennium during the hearings before the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York (September 2010 to March 2011).
- Main results: Completed the French mandate to the United Nations Board of Auditors, issued a noteworthy report on a public sector company.
- Reason for leaving: Career opportunity at ICAO.

09/2008-08/2010 **French Supreme Audit Institution (Cour des comptes)**
Seconded to the United Nations Board of Auditors
Director of External Audit (France) of the United Nations, its Funds and Programmes
New York, NY

- Served as a member of the Audit Operations Committee (AOC) alongside with representatives from South Africa and China. Selected topics for audit, namely treasury management, end-of-service liabilities, national execution, procurement, durable and non-durable goods; and for evaluation, such as staff assessment processes, results-based budgeting and technical assistance;
- Validated reports and supervised implementation of recommendations;
- Managed a team of five professionals located in New York and Geneva, and managed an annual budget of US $3.2 million;
- Oversaw 60 audit missions across the globe over two years, involving 140 auditors in total;
- Responsible for oversight of a portfolio covering expenditures of US $15 billion per biennium, most notably: the United Nations Headquarters Offices (New York, Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi), the Regional Economic Commissions (ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA), Voluntary Funds

administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), International Trade Centre (ITC), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), and Capital Master Plan (CMP);

- Represented the United Nations Board of Auditors at the 2009 meeting of the Representatives of Internal Audit Services (RIAS — forum for auditors from the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and the IMF). Delivered presentations to meeting participants on such subjects as the single audit principle.

- Main results: Prepared and issued ten reports during the biennium, and presented them to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

- Reason for leaving: End of French mandate.

07/2005-08/2008 **French Treasury**

Seconded to the Inter-American Development Bank Group

Alternate Executive Director at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Norway, Spain and Sweden — Executive Director at the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) for Denmark, Finland, France, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland — Member of the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee of IDB

Washington, DC

- As a member of the Board of Executive Directors, oversaw the conduct of the operations of the Bank; analyzed and approved projects on such topics as policy-based loans, investment loans, emergency loans, for a total of US $12 billion in 2008; approved Bank policies; and managed relations with donors;

- Served as a member of the Audit Committee and of the Budget and Financial Policy Committee.

- Liaised with the French Treasury on all relevant issues for the French Government, including bank strategy, development effectiveness, capital increase, policies, budget, treasury management, etc. Advised the French administration on the appropriate positions to be taken on strategic issues;

- Main results: Contributed to highlight the European approach in the analysis of development projects financed by the Bank, and subsequently enhanced the profile of the French membership of the Bank, in spite of its very limited share of the capital; Contributed to enhance the role of the Audit Committee; Sent an early warning to Paris about the toxic loans crisis that was moving on without notice, due to my work within the Audit Committee; Negotiated and implemented a bilateral agreement for the secondment of French civil servants to the IDB (Trust Fund Appointment Program) through a trust fund mechanism.

- Reason for leaving: End of French mandate (rotation scheme).

09/2002-06/2005 **French Treasury**
Seconded to the Embassy of France in Tunisia
Financial Attaché
Tunis, Tunisia

- Carried out economic and financial analysis (country risk and financial system);
- Supported French financial companies to develop their business in Tunisia;
- Liaised with the Tunisian administration, at the ministerial level (economic intelligence, and technical assistance as correspondent of ADETEF, the agency for international technical cooperation of the French economic and financial Ministries);
- Liaised with multilateral (IMF, WB, AfDB, UNDP, EC, EIB) and bilateral (AFD) partners for the coordination of development aid.
- Main results: Rebuilt the unit and enhanced its profile, by developing a robust and high quality diplomatic reporting process on Tunisian financial and economic issues.
- Reason for leaving: Seconded to IDB (French Treasury post).

04/1999-08/2002 **French Supreme Audit Institution (Chambre régionale des comptes) Reunion and Mayotte Regional Office**
Auditor and Financial Magistrate
St. Denis de la Réunion, Reunion Island (Indian Ocean)

- Evaluated regional public policies and audited local authorities of the French overseas territories of Reunion Island (226 entities, total budget of €5.8 billion) and Mayotte Island (57 entities, total budget of €700 million);
- Conducted External Audits of World Food Programme field activities (Zambia, Mozambique) and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (New York), as part of the United Nations mandates of the French Supreme Audit Institution.
- Reason for leaving: Seconded to the French Embassy in Tunisia (French Treasury post).

01/1997-03/1999 **Ecole nationale d'administration (ENA)**
(Official French School of Government)
Senior civil servant in training
Paris, Strasbourg, Brussels, Beauvais

- This fast track executive training programme for French Senior Civil Servants gives access to the highest executive levels of French Government service, providing advanced studies in economics, international relations, public administration, public financial management, law, communication, and negotiation;
- Completed internships (i) at the Permanent Mission of France to the European Union in Brussels, with a special focus on enlargement issues; and (ii) in a Prefecture in Beauvais, Oise, working on youth employment issues.
- Upon completion of the executive training programme, was appointed to the Regional Office of the French Supreme Audit Institution in Reunion Island.

03/1995-12/1996 **Norman Broadbent Selection**
Consultant, Head of the Financial Industry Practice (Banks, Insurance companies, Capital markets)
Paris, France

- Conducted press advert selection and head hunting assignments, while preparing for the competitive exam to enter ENA through a special procedure open to professionals from the private sector.
- Reason for leaving: Passed competitive exam for Ecole nationale d'administration.

09/1991-02/1995 **Barclays Bank**
Senior Product Manager
London, United Kingdom

- Marketing and sales of financial products on a European basis.
- Reason for leaving: to begin preparation for the competitive exam to enter the French civil service.

01/1990-08/1991 **Barclays Bank**
HR Manager
Paris, France

- Responsible for human resources management, including training plan, staff assessment tools, succession planning, expatriates management and young professionals selection;
- Identified as a Group High Flyer.
- Reason for leaving: Career opportunity at the HQ in London (as a Group High Flyer).

07/1985-12/1989 **Barclays Bank**
Institutional Salesperson
Paris, France

- Responsible for financial activities including sales and marketing of capital markets products (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) and origination of bonds (primary market);
- Customers were Pension Funds, Insurance Companies, and other Banks, in France and in Europe.
- Reason for leaving: Career opportunity within the bank.